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In re the Application of: NISHIUCHI, Takeshi et al.

Group Art Unit: 3723

Serial No.: 09/901,044

Examiner: MORGAN, E.P.

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For: **DRY SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS AND DRY SURFACE TREATING METHOD USING THE SAME APPARATUS**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 1, 2003**, extended to **December 1, 2003** by a **one (1)** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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